

PHOTOBOOTH

Photo Booth is an application created by Apple that uses a built-in iSight camera to take pictures and video. It's possible to take a picture with a certain special effect, such as Bulge, Sepia or Colored Pencil. These effects are chosen before you take the picture, and the preview shows the effect already applied.

Taking your picture with Photo Booth

Using Photo Booth with its digital video camera, you can take a picture or video of yourself and select several ways to use it.

To make your photo or video more unique, you can apply a special effect when you take it. So that you can take pictures in poor lighting, the screen flashes when Photo Booth takes a picture.



To select an effect to apply when you take the picture, click one of the Effects buttons. There are four different effects screens when taking either a still photo or a video.

Click the effect you want to use. If you want a photo with no effect, click the center effect.

When you're ready to take a picture, click the Camera

button below the image. Photo Booth counts down for 3 seconds, then flashes the screen and takes the picture.

To view the photo and select how you want to use it, click the thumbnail

of the photo at the bottom of the window.

If you click the thumbnail of a photo and you want to take another picture, click the camera button below the image.

Photo Booth saves your photos as JPEG files in a folder named Photo Booth, located in your “Pictures” OR “Photos” folder in your home folder.

Using Photo Booth in the Classroom

Photo booth is the ideal application for taking quick photos or video in the classroom, as events are happening. You don't need to run and find the digital camera only to discover the batteries flat or the memory card full. If you are using imacs or macbooks, you have camera's ready to go at any time. Using Photo Booth can also make a seemingly 'normal' lesson into an exciting one where all the children want to participate.

Some ways to use Photo Booth in the classroom:

- Children taking photos of themselves and others to insert into documents. (In some applications eg. comic life, you can drag the picture straight from Photo Booth, while in other applications you need to insert or import the photo from your “pictures” or “photos” folder in your home folder.)*
- Children using the video component to record their reading, which could be used for self assessment or even to save time with running records (Imagine getting 4 done at once!)
- Recording video presentations on what children know about a topic – great for assessment and report writing time.
- Recording a group working through a math's problem – great for

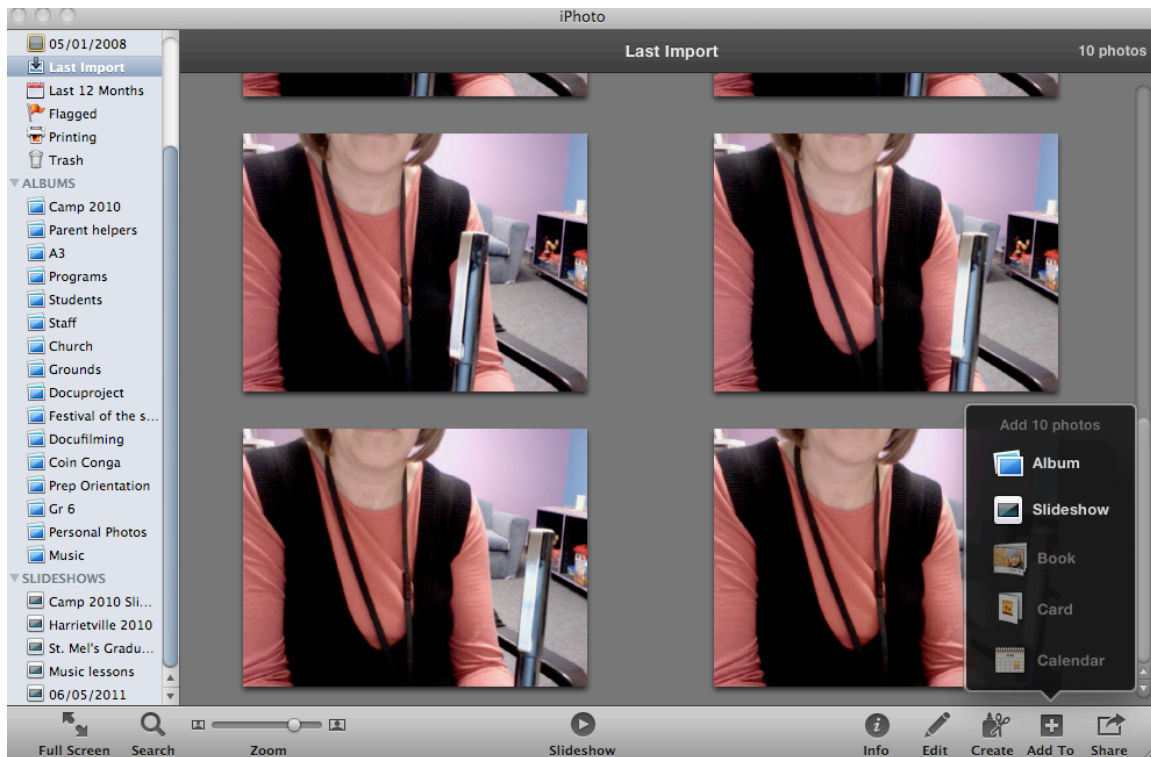
sharing time and helping children to see where they went astray and when they were on the right track, and what other children did to solve the problem.

- Videoing plays and skits done in the classroom, which can then be exported into imovie for editing.
- Making a news or weather report complete with background pictures/video footage. *
- Making animations using still pictures and inserting into iphoto or imovie. *

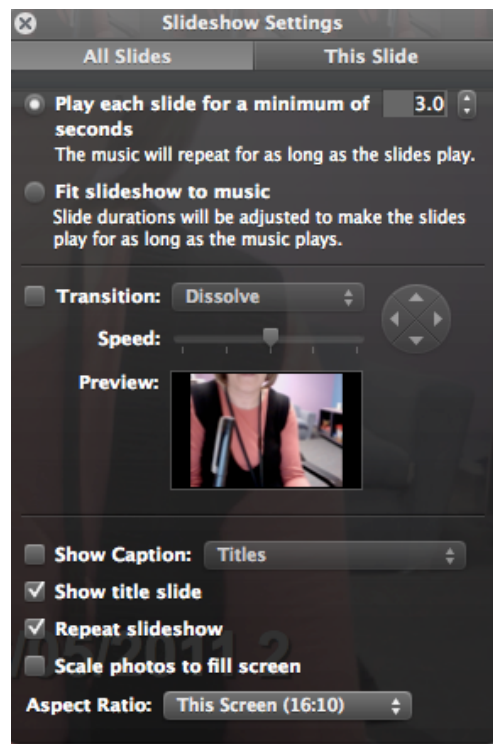
Making animations using Photo Booth

This is one of the most exciting uses of Photo Booth with children. Through animation, children can be involved in planning, designing, writing scripts, making props, using ICT, editing, choosing music, problem solving, maths (measuring, perspectives, angles, time periods...) – a truly integrated approach to learning.

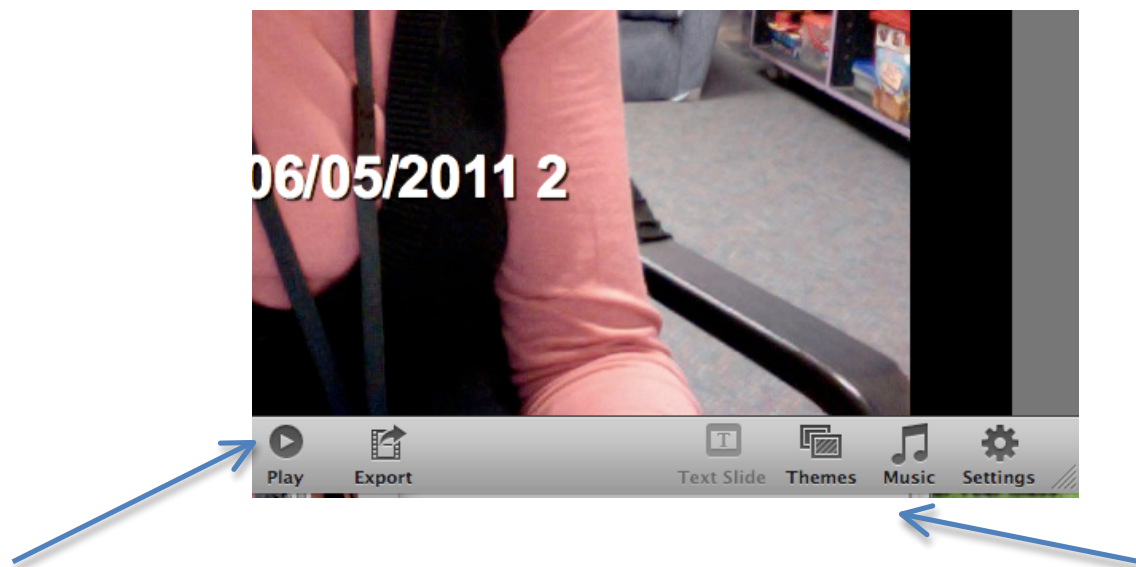
1. Take a series of shots using Photo Booth. Highlight the shots you want (click on the first shot and then hold down the shift key and click on the last shot)
2. Now click on the iphoto icon which is to the left of the camera icon. The selected photos will be imported into iphoto.
3. Click on the + button and select a new sideshow. The photos you imported will now be in a slideshow:



4. Now you need to change the duration of each shot. Iphoto automatically sets the duration at 3 seconds and it needs to be changed to the minimum which is 1 second. Some of the effects also need to be changed in order for the animation to run smoothly. Click on 'settings' on the bottom toolbar and you will see this screen:



5. Change the duration of each slide to '1' second; the transition to 'none'; and untick 'Show Caption', 'Repeat slideshow' and 'Show Title slide'
6. Click on the music icon on the bottom toolbar. Choose some music from the Sample Music Folder, or from music you have imported previously into itunes.



7. Now click on the play button and watch your animation.
8. When you are happy with your movie, Choose 'Export' from the bottom menu bar (next to the 'play' button), choose your size, unclick 'automatically send to itunes' and choose your folder to save in. Now you have an animated movie 😊

If you want to make your animation go any faster, you will need to import the Photo Booth pictures into imovie and then edit each photo by cutting the time back to hundredths of a second. Have a go!

